

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 956
By Bowers

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Leah Cortni Spellen,
2006 graduate of Oakwood College in
Huntsville, Alabama.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Leah Cortni Spellen is one such exceptional student who, on May 13 of this year, will be a member of the 2006 graduating class at Oakwood College; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Spellen has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable collegiate career, Leah Spellen has earned an exemplary 3.0 grade point average, while participating in several extracurricular activities, including serving as a member of the Sustainable Environmental Educational Development Studies and the Oakwood College Ecology Club; participating in research programs at Alabama A & M University, the University of Minnesota, and the University of Washington; standing as the Faculty Assistant to Juliette Durrant, Ph.D., Yoedono Sovyanhadi, Ph.D., and Seth Lubega, Ph.D.; leading in the creation of campus nature trails and tree plantings; assisting in fundraising activities designed to aid the victims of Hurricane Katrina; and volunteering at Huntsville Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Spellen's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Leah Spellen's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Andrew Learmond Spellen and Gloria Jean Spellen, her grandparents, James E.

Haralson, Harriet Haralson Swanagan, Edward George Spellen, and Marjorie Millicent Spellen, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Spellen's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor 2006 Oakwood College graduate, Leah Cortni Spellen, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.